

the exceptions. It is the only way I know to prevent it, but beyond that I have another concern and this is my real one. If it is the belief of the elected officials of this state that we need to have funds for elected officials to use in connection with the duties of their office, then I'd suggest we enact legislation that establishes just such a fund that which you can solicit contributions from those who wish to contribute to carry out the functions, and I don't particularly care how much you limit it. I'd go quite along...quite much along with those, that if it is reported, how it is used, from whom it is gotten, let the voter decide that that was appropriate or not. But I don't like to have campaign funds used for something beyond campaign funds. When we begin to mix two purposes into one bill, into one law, quite different purposes, oh, yes, occasionally, I suppose in every case, if I go to a constituent meeting and I would use, and I do not, but if I was using a campaign fund, why, that is in a sense, campaigning. I suspect that is true. And, yes, there would be some bookkeeping. They would say, well this is a campaign, but this is a part of my office and I suppose there might be some rationale. That would be difficult, but I would still rather have it separate. And those who want to solicit funds for that purpose, have a fund that you do it with. And those who only have a campaign fund by the very necessity of a campaign fund, use it for that purpose, and the expenditures from those funds should only occur from the time you become a candidate till the election, and the paying all of election bills if it is after election, 30 days or so. But I think we make a grave public policy mistake when we try to mix two separate purposes into one fund and just further increase the probability, none of us here, of course, but increase the probability of someone at some point in the future, creating a difficult situation for all of us. So I'd urge that the bill be returned and vetoed, not vetoed, but not enacted and in the future, next session, if you want separate funds for the purposes that have been described that these funds are to be used, then set it up separately.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion. Senator Withem, followed by Senator Morehead.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as one of the co-sponsors, not the prime sponsor, but one of the co-sponsors of this piece of legislation I would like to rise in opposition to the Warner amendment. Sitting here thinking somewhat ironic and I mean no disrespect by this whatsoever, but